TABLE 7—ACTIVITY LIMITS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES, INSTRUMENTS, AND ARTICLES

Nature of contents	Instruments and articles		Limited quantity package limits [1]
	Limits for each instrument or article [1]	Package limits [1]	
Solids:			
Special form	10^{-2} A_1	A_1	10^{-3} A_1
Normal form	10^{-2} A_2	A_2	10^{-3} A_2
Liquids:			
Tritiated water:			
<0.0037 TBq/liter (0.1 Ci/L)			37 TBq (1,000 Ci)
0.0037 TBq to 0.037 TBq/L (0.1 Ci to 1.0 Ci/L).			3.7 TBq (100 Ci)
>0.037 TBq/L (1.0 Ci/L)			0.037 TBq (1.0 Ci)
Other Liquids	10^{-3} A_2	10^{-1} A_2	10^{-4} A_2
Gases:			
Tritium [2]	2×10^{-2} A_2	2×10^{-1} A_2	2×10^{-2} A_2
Special form	10^{-3} A_1	10^{-2} A_1	10^{-3} A_1
Other form	10^{-3} A_2	10^{-2} A_2	10^{-3} A_2

[1] For mixtures of radionuclides see § 173.433(d).
[2] These values also apply to tritium in activated luminous paint and tritium adsorbed on solid carriers.

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§ 173.426 Excepted packages for articles containing natural uranium or thorium.

A manufactured article in which the sole Class 7 (radioactive) material content is natural or unirradiated depleted uranium or natural thorium and its packaging is excepted from the specification packaging, shipping paper and certification, marking, and labeling requirements of this subchapter and requirements of this subpart if:

(a) Each package meets the general design requirements of § 173.410;

(b) The outer surface of the uranium or thorium is enclosed in an inactive sheath made of metal or other durable protective material;

(c) The conditions specified in § 173.421(a) (2), (3) and (4) are met; and

(d) The article is otherwise prepared for shipment as specified in § 173.422.

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§ 173.427 Transport requirements for low specific activity (LSA) Class 7 (radioactive) materials and surface contaminated objects (SCO).

(a) In addition to other applicable requirements specified in this subchapter, low specific activity (LSA) materials and surface contaminated objects (SCO), unless excepted by paragraph (d) of this section, must be packaged in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and must be transported in accordance with the following conditions:

(1) The external dose rate must not exceed an external radiation level of 10 mSv/h (1 rem/h) at 3 meters from the unshielded material;

(2) The quantity of LSA and SCO material in any single conveyance must not exceed the limits specified in table 9;

(3) LSA material and SCO that are or contain fissile material must meet the applicable requirements of §§ 173.453, 173.457, 173.459 and 173.467;

(4) Packages must meet the contamination control limits specified in § 173.443;

(5) External radiation levels must comply with § 173.441; and

(6) For LSA material and SCO required by this section to be consigned as exclusive use:

(i) Shipments must be loaded by the consignor and unloaded by the consignee from the conveyance or freight container in which originally loaded;

(ii) There must be no loose Class 7 (radioactive) material in the conveyance, however, when the conveyance is the packaging there must be no leakage of Class 7 (radioactive) material from the conveyance;

(iii) Packages must be braced so as to prevent shifting of lading under conditions normally incident to transportation;

(iv) Specific instructions for maintenance of exclusive use shipment controls must be provided by the offeror to the carrier. Such instructions must be included with the shipping paper information;

(v) Except for shipments of unconcentrated uranium or thorium ores, the transport vehicle must be placarded in accordance with subpart F of part 172 of this subchapter;

(vi) For domestic transportation only, packages are excepted from the marking and labeling requirements of this subchapter. However, the exterior of each nonbulk package must be stenciled or otherwise marked ''Radioactive—LSA'' or ''Radioactive—SCO'', as appropriate, and nonbulk packages that contain a hazardous substance must also be stenciled or otherwise marked with the letters ''RQ'' in association with the above description; and

(vii) Except when transported in an industrial package in accordance with table 8, transportation by aircraft is prohibited.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, LSA material and SCO must be packaged as follows:

(1) In an industrial package (IP–1, IP–2 or IP–3; §173.411), subject to the limitations of table 8;

(2) For domestic transportation only, in a DOT Specification 7A (§178.350 of this subchapter) Type A package. The requirements of §173.412 (a), (b), (c) and (k) do not apply;

(3) For domestic transportation only, in a strong, tight package that prevents leakage of the radioactive content under normal conditions of transport. In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the following requirements must be met:

(i) The shipment must be exclusive use;

(ii) The quantity of Class 7 (radioactive) material in each packaging may not exceed an A_2 quantity;

(4) For domestic transportation only, in a packaging that complies with the provisions of 10 CFR 71.52, and is transported in exclusive use; or

(5) Any Type B, B(U) or B(M) packaging authorized pursuant to §173.416.

(c) LSA–I and SCO–I (see §173.403), unless packaged in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, must be packaged in bulk packagings in accordance with this paragraph. The shipment must be, in addition to complying with the applicable requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, exclusive use:

(1) *Solids.* Packages must be strong tight packagings, meeting the requirements of subpart B of this part. The requirements of §173.410 do not apply.

(2) *Liquids.* Liquids must be transported in the following packagings:

(i) Specification 103CW, 111A60W7 (§§179.200, 179.201, 179.202 of this subchapter) tank cars. Bottom openings in tanks are prohibited; or

(ii) Specification MC 310, MC 311, MC 312, MC 331 or DOT 412 (§178.348 or §178.337 of this subchapter) cargo tank motor vehicles. Bottom outlets are not authorized. Trailer-on-flat-car service is not authorized.

(d) Except for transportation by aircraft, LSA material and SCO that conform to the provisions specified in 10 CFR 20.2005 are excepted from all requirements of this subchapter pertaining to Class 7 (radioactive) materials when offered for transportation for disposal or recovery. A material which meets the definition of another hazard class is subject to the provisions of this subchapter relating to that hazard class.

(e) LSA and SCO that exceed the packaging limits in this section must be packaged in accordance with 10 CFR part 71.

(f) Tables 8 and 9 are as follows:

TABLE 8—INDUSTRIAL PACKAGE INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LSA MATERIAL AND SCO

Contents	Industrial packaging type	
	Exclusive use shipment	Non-exclusive use shipment
LSA–I:		
Solid	IP–1	IP–1
Liquid	IP–1	IP–2
LSA–II:		
Solid	IP–2	IP–2
Liquid and gas	IP–2	IP–3
LSA–III	IP–2	IP–3
SCO–I	IP–1	IP–1
SCO–II	IP–2	IP–2

TABLE 9—CONVEYANCE ACTIVITY LIMITS FOR LSA MATERIAL AND SCO

Nature of material	Activity limit for conveyances
LSA–I	No limit.
LSA–II and LSA–III; noncombustible solids.	No limit.
LSA–II and LSA–III; Combustible solids and all liquids and gases.	100 A_2
SCO	100 A_2

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§ 173.428 Empty Class 7 (radioactive) materials packaging.

A packaging which previously contained Class 7 (radioactive) materials and has been emptied of contents as far as practical, is excepted from the shipping paper, certification, and marking requirements of this subchapter, and from requirements of this chapter, provided that—

(a) The packaging meets the requirements of §173.421(a) (2), (3), and (5) of this subpart;

(b) The packaging is in unimpaired condition and is securely closed so that there will be no leakage of Class 7 (radioactive) material under conditions normally incident to transportation;

(c) Internal contamination does not exceed 100 times the limits in §173.443(a);

(d) Any labels previously applied in conformance with subpart E of part 172 of this subchapter are removed, obliterated, or covered and the ''Empty'' label prescribed in §172.450 of this subchapter is affixed to the packaging; and

(e) The packaging is prepared for shipment as specified in §173.422.

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§ 173.431 Activity limits for Type A and Type B packages.

(a) Except for LSA material and SCO, a Type A package may not contain a quantity of Class 7 (radioactive) materials greater than A_1 for special form Class 7 (radioactive) material or A_2 for normal form Class 7 (radioactive) material as listed in §173.435, or, for Class 7 (radioactive) materials not listed in §173.435, as determined in accordance with §173.433.

(b) The limits on activity contained in a Type B, Type B(U), or Type B(M) package are those prescribed in §§173.416 and 173.417, or in the applicable approval certificate under §§173.471, 173.472 or 173.473.

§ 173.433 Requirements for determining A_1 and A_2 values for radionuclides and for the listing of radionuclides on shipping papers and labels.

(a) Values of A_1 and A_2 for individual radionuclides that are the basis for many activity limits elsewhere in this subchapter are given in the table in §173.435.

(b) For individual radionuclides whose identities are known, but which are not listed in the table in §173.435, the determination of the values of A^1 and A_2 requires approval from the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety except that the values of A_1 and A_2 in table 10 may be used without obtaining approval from Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

(c) In calculating A_1 and A_2 values for a radionuclide not listed in the table in §173.435, a single radioactive decay chain in which the radionuclides are present in their naturally-occurring proportions, and in which no daughter nuclide has a half life either longer than 10 days or longer than that of the parent nuclide, will be considered as a single radionuclide, and the activity to be taken into account and the A_1 or A_2 value to be applied will be those corresponding to the parent nuclide of that chain. Otherwise, the parent and daughter nuclides will be considered as a mixture of different nuclides.

(d) Mixtures of radionuclides whose identities and respective activities are known, must conform to the following conditions:

(1) For special form Class 7 (radioactive) material:

$$\sum_i \frac{B(i)}{A_1(i)} \quad \text{less than or equal to 1}$$

Where B(i) is the activity of radionuclide i and $A_1(i)$ is the A_1 value for radionuclide i;

or